

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 12, 2023 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.” - Romans 5:1-2

Welcome to Grace Church

Welcome! We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning!

Masks are optional during the service and are available at the back of the church if you wish to wear one.

Bathrooms are located in the Parish House, which is the building located next door to the church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street from children ages 0-3 years, and a special program called WonderKids for children ages 4-12.

In WonderKids, we use The Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum which engages elementary school aged children with stories from the Bible and teaches that God is the hero of every story. Your children will bring a take-it-home page with them so that you can continue to discuss what they are learning. We also provide a small snack and restroom opportunity just before we come into the sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace. We want the children to be ready to enjoy family time together in Church!

For children in 5th-8th grades, we offer a special teaching unit just for them: Connect! This curriculum is designed just for preteens and uses humor and interesting Bible content to connect to them at their interest level. Connect meets every other week in Grace Hall.

If you have any questions or would like to contact someone about your family or children, please don't hesitate to connect with Catie Hourigan at catie@graceocala.org.

The Nursery is open during the entire 10am Service for children ages 0-3.

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SILENT PROCESSION

Please stand

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

Please kneel as able

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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PROCESSION

The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey or procession. It is our entrance into the presence of Christ, and this presence allows us to see the ultimate reality of life, the way God sees it. In the procession, we are called to come together in one place, to be more than what we were: a new community with a new life.

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You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE CONFESSION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand

CONFESSION

Confession and repentance go hand in hand. Confession of sin is a large element of our corporate worship because we recognize how much we need forgiveness.

ABSOLUTION

The celebrant, absolving our sins, is acting as a representative of our heavenly Father, who "is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 145:8

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Celebrant
Let us pray.
Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

COLLECT OF THE DAY
This prayer is centered on the readings of the day. As we prepare to receive the food of God's Word, our Celebrant (lead pastor) prays this prayer to focus our hearts and minds on God's Word.

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THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 17:1-7

Reader

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 95

THE PSALM

The psalms are older than Christianity itself. In reciting them, we are praying the prayers used by Jews in the Temple centuries before the coming of the Messiah. The Psalm comes after the First Reading and gives us an opportunity to respond to God's Word, and invites us to join in the prayer of the Church.

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 95, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
**"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**

So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:1-11

Reader

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing

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that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

COME THOU FOUNT

HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 4:5-42

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Deacon

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him,

GOSPEL READING

As God's Word comes down the aisle to literally "dwell among us," we stand for this Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on the words and actions of Jesus.

The "little" sign of the cross is used at the beginning of the reading of the Gospel, when the Deacon says: "The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the marking of small crosses, using the thumb, on the forehead, mouth, and heart. It's meant to signify the sanctification of our thoughts, speech, and affections for God.

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“Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

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Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. JONATHAN FRENCH

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

Let us stand together and affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one

THE SERMON

The exposition of God's Word helps us reflect on God's will for our lives, and the ways we can respond to His call for redemption in our current world. We have provided space near the end of this bulletin or in the side panels for taking notes.

THE NICENE CREED

The creed reminds us of the core of Christianity. It contains the raw elements that every follower of Christ believes. As we recite this together our unity as the Body of Christ is strengthened.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for others and ourselves. Through these guided prayers, we begin to see the world as God sees it.

THE PEACE

Our entire church family embodies the peace of Christ in one another's lives. This holy moment is a sharing of the fellowship we claim in Christ's church.

OFFERTORY

In giving our gifts of time, talent and treasure, we pray that God, the maker of all things, would take our offering and turn it into something greater.

baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or be seated as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

After each bidding, please offer your prayers, either silently or aloud.

After the Prayers, please stand when instructed by the Celebrant

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

THE WELL

Leave it all behind

I have what you need
But you keep on searchin'
I've done all the work

But you keep on workin'
When you're runnin' on empty
And you can't find the remedy
Just come to the well

You can spend your whole life
Chasin' what's missing
But that empty inside
It just ain't gonna listen
When nothing can satisfy
And the world leaves you high and dry
Just come to the well

And all who thirst will thirst no more
And all who search will find what their souls long for
The world will try, but it can never fill
Leave it all behind, and come to the well

So bring me your heart
No matter how broken
Just come as you are
When your last prayer is spoken
Just rest in my arms a while
You'll feel the change my child
When you come to the well

And all who thirst will thirst no more
And all who search will find what their souls long for
The world will try, but it can never fill
So leave it all behind, and come to the well
Yeah
Leave it all behind

The world will try, but it can never fill, leave it all behind
And now that you're full
Of love beyond measure
Your joy's gonna flow
Like a stream in the desert
Soon all the world will see that living water is found in me
'Cause you came to the well

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And all who thirst will thirst no more
And all who search will find what their souls long for
The world will try, but it can never fill
So leave it all behind, and come to the well
Leave it all behind, leave it all behind
Leave it all behind, leave it all behind, and come to the well

Please Stand

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

In communion we share one bread and one cup to be bound together with those with whom the cup and bread are shared, to express one's faith, and to reaffirm one's commitment to God and the community. All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive communion.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant offers a preface and concludes saying...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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SANCTUS

SPOKEN

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Please kneel as able

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

REAL PRESENCE

"He was the Word that spake it, he took bread and brake it, and what that Word did make it, I do believe and take it."

Hymn 322, John Donne.

The elements of the Eucharist of bread and wine are not mere signs or symbols. Christ's body and blood really become present and are really given. They are present so that, in receiving them, believers may be united in communion with Christ the Lord.

EPICLESIS

At this moment, the priest invokes the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic prayer so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ. The term is based on the Greek word that means "to call upon," "to invoke."

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray the prayer Jesus taught together with one voice. As a family we acknowledge our needs, our lackings, our desires and God's solution.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

This is a prayer for the worthy reception of communion. This prayer first appeared in the 1548 Order of Holy Communion, the first communion service in English. In it, we proclaim that we cannot merit salvation and our union with Christ in the Eucharist, and we put our trust in God's mercy and grace.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Refrain:

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Refrain

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus

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EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

Please follow these instructions when you go up to receive communion:

- 1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.*
- 2. Walk up the center aisle.*
- 3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.*
- 4. The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.*
- 5. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.*

If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.

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Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Refrain

COME TASTE AND SEE

Come taste and see that the Lord is good
His love for me never runs out
Come taste and see that the Lord is good
He's always good

Come now and drink and be satisfied
Forgiveness overflowing
Come now and drink and you will find
He's always good
God You're always good

Refrain:

Just one word just one touch
From You and I believe
That You love me and You are for me
And You hold nothing back from me (no)

Come taste and see that the Lord is good
Come sit at the table of mercy
Come taste and see that the Lord is good
He is good God You're always good

I never walk away the same
I never walk away the same
My heart forever rearranged
By Your love By Your love

I never walk away the same
I never walk away the same

MEMORIAL

Come to the feast
All you wounded and weak
Come and receive the bread of life,
the bread of life
Come to the feast
From the greatest to the least
Drink and believe the blood of life,
the blood of life

And the memory of who I was
Fades away in the arms of love
Watch my fears come undone like a thief on the run
From the unrelenting heart of God
Come to the table
All you broken and unabled
We're beggars to be made whole again, made whole again

And come to the table
Empty handed and grateful
Taste and see the goodness of the Lamb the great I am

And the memory of who I was
Fades away in the arms of love
Watch my fears come undone like a thief on the run
From the unrelenting heart of God
From the unrelenting heart of God

We're all dry bones longing for a savior
Waiting for the God of life to put us back together

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And the memory of who I was
Fades away in the arms of love
Watch my fears come undone like a thief on the run
From the unrelenting heart of God
From the unrelenting heart of God

Please kneel as able

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

THE BLESSING

THE BLESSING

This pronouncement is a blessing from God to His people. This is not a prayer to God, but a blessing from God. Be encouraged! As we leave this family gathering, God is going with us into the world.

Celebrant

May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand

RECESSIONAL

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

HYMN 473

Refrain:

**Lift High the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.**

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Led on their way
by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God
in conquering ranks combine.

Refrain

Each newborn servant
of the Crucified
bears on the brow
the seal of him who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw the world to thee.

Refrain

So shall our song
of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified
for victory.

Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

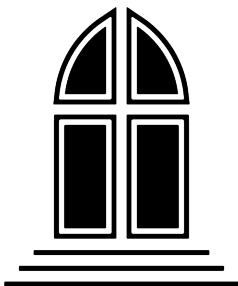
Thanks be to God.

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon reminds us
that as followers of Christ
we are empowered to go into
the world, now that we have
worshipped God and been
filled with the Holy Spirit.
And with God in us, we are
to go and serve.*

PERSONAL NOTES

GRACE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Please fill out this card and place in the offering plate or mail it back to us. We look forward to getting to know you.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about Grace Church (Check all that apply)

Friend/Family Internet Search Social Media

Other: _____

Your age group: (please circle) 18-34 35-59 60-up

First time visitor

New in community

Would like clergy to call

Would like an appointment with clergy

Have children school age or younger (please circle)

Ages: 0-3 K-3 4-8 9-12

Would you like to be signed-up for our Grace To You

Weekly Newsletter? Yes No

How may we contact you? Phone Text Email

LENT, EASTER, AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES & EVENTS

Lenten Studies

Online: Sundays at 3:00pm via Zoom
February 26 - March 26

In person: Wednesdays after the Midweek Service
in Parish House - Soup will be served
March 1 - March 29

Parish Quiet Day, April 1

9:00am - 12:00pm

Palm Sunday, April 2

8:00am and 9:45am (Procession)

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Service with Foot Washing - 7:00pm

Overnight Prayer Vigil ending in

Morning Prayer - 9:00am

Good Friday, April 7

Service - Noon

Meditation and Prayer - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross - 6:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 9

Great Vigil - 6:30am

Easter Eucharist and Baptism - 10:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

ECW YARD SALE

ECW needs people to help unpack, sort, price, and set up on Wednesday-Friday the week before the yard sale. We also need 10 volunteers to help pack up stuff on Sunday, March 19, after the 10am service. (This is a great activity for couples!) If you can help anytime, please let Elaine or Carolyn know.

We still need your stuff! If you have drop-offs for us to sell, please hold them till the week of the sale. Bring them directly to the Parish House between 9am and noon Monday-Wednesday.

Contact: Elaine, (704) 840-6897, e-mail: write2elaine@cfl.rr.com; or Carolyn, (352) 286-8536, e-mail: mcdayres@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Seeking office volunteers who have basic computer and phone knowledge. Filing, basic data entry, answering phones, shredding, etc. If interested, please contact Rosemary in the office, (352) 622-7881. We are also in need of cooks for Alpha, if you would be willing to bring dinner for our current Alpha group please contact Deacon Mary at mary@graceocala.org

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING REDEDICATION

In recognition of the anniversary of Grace's Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK), at the 10am service today, members of Grace's Chapter, will rededicate themselves to their pledges for a life-long practice of prayer, service and evangelism. After a long absence during the pandemic, members are gathering together once again and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, have renewed our commitment to the vision of the Daughters of the King to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. Any woman in the Episcopal Church age 18 and over can become a Daughter. Join the women of our chapter in the Parish House after the 10am service for Coffee & Conversation to meet us and learn more about the Order.

DO YOU FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?



Instagram:
grace_church_ocala



Facebook:
Grace Episcopal Church Ocala, FL

Group Page:
People of Grace



YouTube:
Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website:
graceocala.org

HANDY HELPERS

If you have a problem inside or around your house that you can't fix, and you don't have the financial means to hire a company, please call our church (352) 622-7881 during office hours. We'll take your work order and send our Handy Helpers Team to your home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

22 Lenten Study - In Person
26 Lenten Study - Online
29 Lenten Study - In Person
30 Vestry Meeting

APRIL

1 Parish Quiet Day
2 Palm Sunday
 Baptism Prep Class
6 Maundy Thursday Service
 Overnight Vigil
7 Morning Prayer
 Good Friday Service
 Prayer & Meditation
 Stations of the Cross
9 The Great Vigil
 Hot Cross Buns
 Easter 10am & Baptism
 Easter Egg Hunt
10 Office Closed
13 ECW Meeting
27 Vestry Meeting

Next Week's Bible Readings

First Reading:
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Second Reading:
Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

YOUTH ALPHA

Are you between the ages of 13 and 18? Or do you have kids in that age range? We will be starting a Youth Alpha course on Thursday, March 30 from 4-5:30pm. Each Session will be 1.5 hours and we will have snacks! You can sign up at: <https://www.graceocala.org/youthalpha>

BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 9. The Baptism Prep Class will be held on Sunday, April 2 immediately after the 10am service. If you want to be baptized or have children to be baptized, please contact the church office at (352) 622-7881 or email Catie at catie@graceocala.org.

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN MALAWI

We have an opportunity for you to support the growth of the Church in Malawi. Christianity in Malawi is, like in most African countries, growing very fast. Much of this growth happens in rural areas, where churches literally meet under a tree or in a shabby building. One of the major challenges that these churches face, is the lack of theological training of their pastors.

We are connected through Fr. Frans to Fr. Robert Yanduya who leads his own congregation in Malawi, and gives multiple seminars per year in rural areas, drawing 150 pastors per time to teach them how to lead, how to preach, how to be the church.

Fr. Robert's ministry is completely dependent on financial support. Our church has already donated \$ 5,000 and invites you to join. Here's how you can do this:

1. Seminar for Rectors and Vestry members: \$ 200 per seminar
2. Bible in the Chichewa language: \$ 15 per Bible
3. School fee for a child whose parents can't afford it: \$ 72 per child
4. Children's Conference: \$ 15 per child
5. Relief to needy families (including widows and orphans): \$ 60 per household

If you'd like to donate to one of these goals, please write a check to Grace Episcopal Church, with Malawi in the memo. Attach a post-it note if you are committed to a specific goal listed above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, March 12 - DOK Rededication 10am - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream

9:45am: Children's Church, WonderKids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube & Facebook

3:00pm: Lenten Study, Zoom

Monday, March 13

12:00pm: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, March 15

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

1:15pm: Lenten Study, Parish House

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Friday, March 17 - Office Closed

Saturday, March 18 - Office Closed

8:00am-2:00pm: ECW Yard Sale

Sunday, March 19 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream

9:45am: Children's Church, WonderKids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube & Facebook

3:00pm: Lenten Study, Zoom

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

5 Adam Pryor

6 Lindsey Turner

7 Malcolm Shaw

8 Joan Canzoneri

William Rose

10 Mike Rose

11 Ned Davis

Hannah Wilson

12 Emily Ayres

13 Beth Collins

Patti Gilman

Estella van Santen

14 Meg Spurlock

16 Dianna Labeur

17 Trenton Penuel

Donald Feldman

18 Caroline Collins

Marilyn Brady

If you would like to meet with
Fr. Jonathan or
Fr. Frans, please contact
Rosemary Grooms or
Catie Hourigan at
352-622-7881;
rosemary@graceocala.org or
catie@graceocala.org

If you would like to meet or talk
to our Children's Minister
Catie Hourigan you can contact
the church office
at 352-622-7881;
or by email at
catie@graceocala.org

- Grace Church Leadership -

HEAD

Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Gregory O. Brewer

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

VESTRY

Tim McCourt - Senior Warden Stephen Ayres - Junior Warden
Carman Smith- Treasurer Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Lise Kent
Greg Harrell Sharyn Pliska Leslie Jones

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Audrey Flechas Cheryl Arnold
Jessica Mongerio Shane Bass Porter Johnson Victoria Sexton

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ushers: Greg Harrell, Frank Blasucci

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Hannah Wilson

Reader, Second Reading/Prayers of the People: Mary-Stewart Lewis

Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Walker Harrell, Shealy Harrell

Chalice Minister: Darlene Trowbridge

Prayer Team: Carolyn Eckhart, Marilyn Sibons

Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marilyn Corsiglia, Tammy Flanagan,
Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Maurica French

VPOD: Tim McCourt

Weekly Services on Our Campus

Sunday 8:00am—Rite I

Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music

Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace

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